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SCARLET FEVER, MEASLES, AND DIPHTHERIA.

STATE REPORTS.

	Scarlet fever.	Measles.	Diphtheria.
June:			
Minnesota.....	139	50	98
July:			
Minnesota.....	92	20	105
August:			
Minnesota.....	63	12	94
September:			
Minnesota.....	69	3	99
October:			
Alabama.....	37	(¹)	106
Kansas.....	188	6	88
Massachusetts.....	446	570	549
Minnesota.....	121	34	166
New York.....	659	1,200	1,614

¹ Not notifiable in the State.

Diphtheria—Unusual Prevalence.

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the conference of State and Territorial health authorities with the Public Health Service June 1, 1912, the secretary of the Iowa State Board of Health, reports that an unusual number of cases of diphtheria have been reported in Des Moines and Vinton, Iowa; that 149 cases of diphtheria were reported during the latter part of the month of November in Des Moines; that at Vinton there had been 15 cases of diphtheria reported during October and 15 additional cases to November 22; that during the latter part of November the outbreak at Des Moines was subsiding.

PLAGUE.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	.....do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 28, 1907.....	None.....	.....do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	.....do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).	Sept. 24, 1909.....	Oct. 17, 1909; wood rat.	Sept. 10, 1912....	260 squirrels; 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Oct. 8, 1912.....	1,120 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	.....do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	July 12, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	6 squirrels.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	.....do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels.
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	.....do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	.....do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 31, 1910.....	.....do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Louisiana:				
City—				
New Orleans.....	.....do.....	July 27, 1912.....	None.....	1 rat.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	.....do.....	25 rats.

PLAGUE—Continued.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended—	Found dead.	Total collected.	Examined.	Found infected
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Nov. 12, 1912	4	¹ 192	146	.....
Oakland.....	do.....	13	² 660	558	.....
San Francisco.....	do.....	28	³ 1,750	1,465	.....

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 157; *Mus musculus*, 35.² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 585; *Mus musculus*, 75.³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,036; *Mus musculus*, 236; *Mus alexandrinus*, 221; *Mus rattus*, 257.

NOTE.—Rats taken from steamers, not included in above statement:

Chiyo Maru (<i>alexandrinus</i>).....	39
Nile:	
Alexandrinus.....	17
Rattus.....	12
Total.....	68

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION. CALIFORNIA.

During the week ended November 16, 1912, there were examined for plague infection 128 ground squirrels from San Joaquin County and 47 from Santa Clara County. No plague-infected squirrel was found.

ERYSIPELAS.

CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 16, 1912.

Place.	Cases.	Deaths.	Place.	Cases.	Deaths.
Binghamton, N. Y.....	2	.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	3	.....
Buffalo, N. Y.....	3	.....	Morristown, N. J.....	1	.....
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5	.....	New York, N. Y.....	7	3
Cleveland, Ohio.....	1	.....	Oakland, Cal.....	.....	2
Duluth, Minn.....	1	1	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	2
Erie, Pa.....	1	.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	7	.....
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	1	.....	Reading, Pa.....	1	.....
Jersey City, N. J.....	.....	1	St. Louis, Mo.....	10	.....
Lawrence, Mass.....	.....	1	San Francisco, Cal.....	2	.....
Los Angeles, Cal.....	4	.....	Wheeling, W. Va.....	1	.....

PELLAGRA.

During the week ended November 16, 1912, pellagra was reported as follows: Baltimore, Md., 1 death; Providence, R. I., 1 death.

PNEUMONIA.

CASES AND DEATHS REPORTED BY CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 16, 1912.

Places.	Cases.	Deaths.	Places.	Cases.	Deaths.
Auburn, N. Y.....	2	.....	Chicago, Ill.....	20	88
Baltimore, Md.....	.....	23	Chicopee, Mass.....	.....	2
Bayonne, N. J.....	.....	2	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	.....	7
Binghamton, N. Y.....	3	.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	23	10
Boston, Mass.....	.....	18	Clinton, Mass.....	.....	1
Braddock, Pa.....	1	.....	Cumberland, Md.....	.....	2
Brockton, Mass.....	.....	1	Danville, Ill.....	.....	1
Buffalo, N. Y.....	.....	4	Dayton, Ohio.....	.....	2
Butte, Mont.....	.....	4	Duluth, Minn.....	1	1
Cambridge, Mass.....	.....	2	Elmira, N. Y.....	.....	1
Chelsea, Mass.....	.....	2	Erie, Pa.....	.....	1